Statement

(b) (i) In consultation with experts, Phenylbutazone and Oxyphenbutazone have been permitted to be marketed for restricted use viz. ankylosing spondylitis and gouty arthritis only.

(ii) These are Schedule 'H' drugs and are required to be sold under the prescription of a Registered Medical Practitioner only.

(iii) Package inserts of these drugs are required to highlight the precautions and contra-indications for these drugs.

(iv) Indian Medical Association (IMA) was advised to intimate its members not to prescribe these drugs indiscriminately and restrict their use for the approved indications and not to use these drugs continuously for more than 7 days.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had recommended drugs used for National Health Programmes for price control to the Kelkar Committee. These two drugs are not used for any National Health Programme.

In view of the above position and in the absence of any decision to ban the use of these two drugs, the question of intimating the Kelkar Committee about them does not arise.

Obstacles in sending medical gifts to India from abroad

*206. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the obstacles in sending medical gifts to India by the Indian doctors working in America; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to simplify the procedure in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) There are no obstacles on the part of the Government in sending medical gifts to India by Indian doctors working in America.

(b) Procedures have already been simplified as far as possible.

Interception of Telephonic Conversation

*207. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of persons, circle-wise, whose telephonic conversation has been ordered to the intercepted by/or on behalf of the Central Government or a State Government as on 1st April, 1989;

(b) whether order of interception is of definite duration or subject to periodical review; and

(c) whether the list has been reviewed by the competent authority during 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) It will not be in the public interest to disclose the names of persons whose telephonic conversation has been ordered to be intercepted by/or on behalf of the Central Government.

In respect of such interceptions ordered by or on behalf of State Government, the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House, keeping in view the larger public interest.

(b) and (c) Every order of interception is for a specific duration and is subject to periodic review by the competent authority.

Seeking Swiss help in recording of evidence in India under the Swiss Federal Act on International Mutual Assistance

*208. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any FIR for criminal proceedings was filed by Government after the Swedish Audit Bureau revealed that